

REMARKS

Claims 1-54 were pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 13-18, 20, 23, 29-35, 51, 52 and 54 have been amended and claims 3, 4, 49, 50 and 53 have been cancelled, without prejudice. Accordingly, after the claim amendments presented herein have been entered, claims 1, 2, 5-48, 51, 52 and 54 will remain pending.

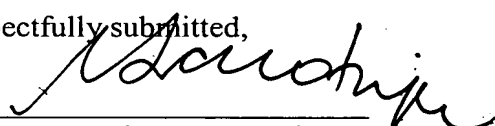
Support for the claim amendments can be found throughout the specification and in the claims as originally filed. No new matter has been introduced by the foregoing amendments.

Any amendments to and/or cancellation of the claims have been made solely to expedite prosecution and allowance of the application. The foregoing amendments are not related to issues of patentability. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in this or a separate application(s).

If there are any remaining issues or if the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

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